



A MATTER OF SUBSTANCE: AT-A-GLANCE

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DIVISION QUICK FACTS

Prevention is Working in Iowa:

According to the 2014 Kids Count Report, Iowa is seeing a decrease in the rate of teens abusing alcohol or drugs. Iowa rose from seventh to third in the nation in rankings which consider economic well-being, education, health, and family and community. Part of that reduction in underage drinking may be attributed to the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) administered by IDPH and implemented by local prevention agencies. This five year grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is currently in a seven-month no-cost extension period. Funding will end January 31, 2015. SPF SIG funded 23 high need counties to address underage drinking and adult binge drinking through environmental strategies. Successes to date include:

- 879 community changes (new services or policy changes related to alcohol) occurred in 23 counties since 2010.
- 10 counties passed countywide or community Social Host ordinances to ensure adults who provide alcohol to minors are held responsible.
- 15 counties collaborated with local, county and state law enforcement to offer alcohol retailer compliance checks, prevent impaired driving, and increase police community presence during times of higher alcohol use such as prom.
- 2 award winning media campaigns focused on underage drinking prevention and binge drinking prevention were implemented in all 23 counties through billboards, television ads, radio ads, social media, and posters.

For more information about the SPF SIG Project, contact Julie Hibben, Project Director at julie.hibben@idph.iowa.gov.

IDPH Awarded Access To Recovery (ATR) 4 Grant:

IDPH and the Access to Recovery (ATR) staff are pleased to announce that Iowa has been selected as an ATR 4 grant recipient. Iowa was chosen through a competitive application process by SAMHSA/Center for Substance Abuse Treatment as one of six states awarded out of a total of over 30 applicants. As an award recipient, Iowa will receive **\$7,866,666** over a 3-year grant period. For those unfamiliar with the program, Access to Recovery is a voucher-based program that provides funding for individuals recovering from a substance use disorder to purchase recovery support services. ATR staff plan to have the new provider application available in the next few weeks. For more information, please contact ATR Project Director Kevin Gabbert at kevin.gabbert@idph.iowa.gov.

Noteworthy:

June 27 - **Di Nicholls-Blomme** retired from IDPH after leading the annual Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant application and child/dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training curricula responsibilities.

August 1 - **Dedric Doolin**, senior deputy director of the Area Substance Abuse Council in Cedar Rapids, was inducted into the Iowa African American Hall of Fame.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dr. Stephanie Covington: The Addiction-Trauma Connection

August 5-6 at the Prairie Meadows Hotel and Conference Center, Altoona. To register, go to <http://ilearn.iowacourts.gov>.

FASD: Roles, Referrals and Reimbursement Webinar

August 13 from 2:00-2:30. To register, go to <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/187514118>

Emerging Drug Trends

August 16 at the ASAC Prevention Office, Cedar Rapids. To register, call 319-390-3513 or e-mail kcorbett@asac.us.

Domestic Violence Intervention - Improving the Response

August 20-21 at Simpson College, Indianola. For more information, go to <http://goo.gl/B4kJ51>.

I-SMART Full Clinical System Training

August 21-22 at Camp Dodge, Johnston
For more information, go to www.trainingresources.org.

Attorney Summit and Juvenile Judge Training

September 10-11 at the Prairie Meadows Hotel and Conference Center, Altoona. Registration for Judges, Judicial Branch employees or contractors, to go <http://lms.iowacourts.gov>. Registration for non-employee partners, go to <http://ilearn.iowacourts.gov>.

2014 Mental Health Conference

October 1-2 at the Prairie Meadows Hotel and Conference Center, Altoona. For more information, go to www.trainingresources.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Iowa Prevention Conference

November 5, 2014 at the Airport Holiday Inn Conference Center, Des Moines. Watch for more information at www.trainingresources.org.

For more information about the Division of Behavioral Health, visit www.idph.state.ia.us/bh

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